

October 14, 2009

Mr. Tom Beauclair Deputy Director  
National Institute of Corrections  
320 First Street, NW, Room 5007  
Washington, D.C. 20534

Dear Mr. Beauclair,

Pursuant to your conversation with Secretary of Corrections Roger Werholtz, I am requesting assistance from the National Institute of Corrections in finding a nationally recognized, independent correctional management expert to review the policies and training procedures related to staff sexual misconduct and cross gender supervision in the Kansas Correctional system. The following areas should be included in this review:

1. Effectiveness of department policies and procedures;
2. Consistency with generally accepted national practices of department training on sexual misconduct and undue familiarity;
3. Staff and inmate knowledge and understanding regarding sexual misconduct and undue familiarity;
4. Facility responses to specific allegations of staff sexual misconduct, particularly focusing on recent incidents at the Topeka Correctional Facility. Were the events, investigations and personnel actions handled in accordance with department policies and procedures?
5. Systems in place for inmate education regarding sexual abuse and reporting of incidents;
6. Adequacy of monitoring systems (camera, contraband controls, technology);
7. Staffing plans for adequacy of coverage and supervision.

If you have further questions or require further information to evaluate this request, please contact:  
Roger Werholtz, Secretary of Corrections  
Kansas Department of Corrections  
900 SW Jackson, Fourth Floor  
Topeka, Kansas 66612.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Mark Parkinson, Governor